

**Celebration of
Holy Communion
Sunday, December 1, 2013
at 11a.m.**



THE CHURCH GATHERS...

PRELUDE

With the first notes of the organ please silently prepare yourself for worship.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE

INTROIT **“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**
(verse 1)

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:
THE CANDLE OF HOPE!**

Leaders: Bryan, Merian, Anna Beth, and Virginia Milton

Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep.

People: **The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Leader: Keep awake, be ready, Christ is coming!

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Leader: As the candle of hope is lit, welcome Jesus as God’s hope for the world’s healing, when all sorrow and sin, hunger and pain, tears and death, will pass away.

People: **We wait for that day and work toward it, with words of hope and deeds of love, in the power of Jesus.**

The candle of Hope is lit...

UNISON PRAYER

God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in Spirit and Truth. Take us up into your presence, and make us ready for reign of peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

*** HYMN OF PRAISE No. 9**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We study the ways of war; we stray from the paths of peace. By day we waste your gifts; by night we dishonor your name. Forgive us; deliver us; awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord!

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD . . .

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Jill Berquist

(Children age 5 and under are excused to go downstairs after our Children's Time)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2: 4

Pew Bible Pg#808

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 24: 36-44

Pew Bible Pg#35

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON

“KEEP AWAKE”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 40**

“Joy to the World”

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and
lead not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER...

***INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please hold the elements until all have been served)

TO GO OUT AND SERVE . . .

***HYMN No. 508**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 2**

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” vs. 2 only

***POSTLUDE**

*** All who can do so comfortably will please stand**

To Our Guests – Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna. We are happy to have you worship with us today. We invite you to join us each Sunday, as we worship and study God’s word. If you would like more information concerning our church, you may fill out one of the *Welcome* cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate, talk to the ushers or call the church office.

Everyone who seeks to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share in the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** with us. According to the tradition of this congregation, we will hold the bread and the cup in order that we might eat and drink together when we are invited to do so. You are encouraged to hold the bread with the napkin provided as you break off your piece.

Nursery care is available for children Kindergarten and below during our Worship Service each Sunday morning. Children may be taken to the nursery before the service begins, or after the Time with Our Children.

During the Advent Season Poinsettias are gracing the sanctuary to the Glory of God and the Coming of the Christ Child.

Our Prayer Calendar: Ernest McNeill (father of Ernie McNeill), Burton Fite (requested by Donna Moore), Linda and David Stewart (requested by Jake Gunter), Sherry Stone (requested by Susie Stevens), Larry Stevens (requested by Kathy Milton), Peggy Keaton (requested by Joy Lewis), Stanley Littleton, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Kena Nelson (requested by Larry and Hazel Nelson), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica and Sue Land.

Every Sunday morning there are **Sunday School Classes** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There are three classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying: Mary’s Song of Praise *Luke 1:46-56*.

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts and the Adult class in Room 2 will be praying the texts to be used in our Worship Service.

The **Worship and Music Committee** would like to thank all who helped with the Advent and Christmas decorating. Your help is greatly appreciated.

December Circle Meetings Monday, December 2

Circle I at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Alma Milton at 2764 Indian Springs Road, telephone 209-0480.

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Macky Gortemoller at 3070 Walnut Lane, Marianna

Circle II: Christmas Party at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your spouse if you wish. Everyone should bring their favorite covered dish for all to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your "Secret Santa Gifts". If you are bringing a guest you will need to bring a gift for each guest also. (A re-gift, or new up to \$5.00)

Wildflowers Hosting a Christmas Mission Brunch

The wildflowers invite all of the women of the Church and friends to join them for a Christmas Mission Brunch on Saturday, December 7th, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Attendees are encouraged to bring an item for the residents of Monroe House.

Items requested for the residents of Monroe House include lotions, body spray, soap (lightly scented), deodorant, footies (fuzzy type), socks with grippers on the bottom, scrunchie hair holders, nail polish (small bottles), and moisturizing lip balm.

The ladies can make a reservation by e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net or dropping a reservation card in the offering plate (available in the pews).

Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator continues her vacation thru Tuesday December 3. She will return to the office on Wednesday, December 4. Any questions or challenges can be addressed to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net and she will respond to your e-mail.

This week in the life of the church . .

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
 Circle I at 10:30 a.m. at Alma Milton

- Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m. at Macky Gortemoller
Circle II at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m.
Christian Education Committee at 5:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday Food Pantry open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Wild Wonderful Wednesday 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday Alzheimer's Support Group at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Winn Dixie
- Friday Ladies Exercise at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday Wildflowers Christmas Brunch at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship
Hall
- Sunday (8th) Mission and Service Committee at 8:45 a.m. in the Office
Youth Led Worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Coffee and Juice at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship hall
Sunday School for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Worship and Music Committee at 12:15 in the Parlor

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land
Ruling Elder of the Month: Joy Gilbert
Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow
Director of Music Emeritus: Lawrence R. Nelson
Guest Organist: Lou Wilkinson
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Trey Weeks

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